

[CHAPTER 2]

AN ACT

January 19, 1948
[H. R. 3146]
[Public Law 397]

To amend section 3 of the Flood Control Act approved August 28, 1937, and for other purposes.

Flood control.
50 Stat. 877.

Surveys authorized.

49 Stat. 1570.
33 U. S. C. §§ 701a,
701b.

Report to Congress.

49 Stat. 1570.
33 U. S. C. §§ 701a-
701b, 701h.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Flood Control Act approved August 28, 1937, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That, in order to further the declaration of policy and principles declared in sections 1 and 2 of the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, and to supplement the preliminary examinations and surveys which the Secretary of War has heretofore been, or is hereafter, authorized and directed to make of waterways with a view to the control of their floods, the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on the watersheds of said waterways, the costs thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purposes."

SEC. 2. After the Secretary of Agriculture has submitted to Congress a regular or formal report made on any examination or survey, pursuant to the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, as amended and supplemented, a supplemental, additional, or review report or estimate may be made if authorized by law or by resolution of the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Public Works of the Senate.

Approved January 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 3]

AN ACT

January 19, 1948
[H. R. 4055]
[Public Law 398]

To provide increases in the rates of pension payable to veterans of Indian wars and the dependents of such veterans.

Veterans of Indian
wars.
Pension rates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Indian wars and dependents of such veterans which are payable under any public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 20 per centum.

The increases provided by this section shall be effective from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved January 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 16]

AN ACT

January 26, 1948
[S. 1020]
[Public Law 399]

To amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, as amended.

Philippine War
Damage Commission
employees.
60 Stat. 128.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1751 (b).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 101 (b) of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by inserting after the word "employees," the following: "who shall be entitled to accumulate annual leave to the maximum of ninety work days exclusive of the time actually and necessarily occupied in going to and from the continental United States and such time as may be necessarily occupied in awaiting sailing or flight."

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 101 of such Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after the words "Commonwealth of the Philippines" the following: "(or the Republic of the Philippines)".

60 Stat. 128.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1751 (c).

SEC. 3. Subsection (a) of section 106 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 106. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of \$400,000,000 for the purpose of paying compensation to the extent authorized by this title, and of such sum, not to exceed \$12,000,000 shall be available to pay the expenses of the Commission. All moneys heretofore or hereinafter appropriated under authority of this title shall remain available until April 30, 1951."

Approved January 26, 1948.

60 Stat. 131.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1756 (a).
Appropriation au-
thorized.

Availability of
funds.

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act so as to make such Act applicable to the officers and employees of the National Library for the Blind.

January 26, 1948
[S. 1324]

[Public Law 400]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 3 of the Civil Service Retirement Act, approved May 29, 1930, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, section 693 (a)), is amended by inserting before the colon preceding the first proviso thereof a comma and the following: "and to all officers and employees of the National Library for the Blind at the election of such officers and employees as herein provided".

National Library for
Blind.
Retirement of offi-
cers and employees.
46 Stat. 470.
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 693 (a).
Post, p. 49.

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof two new sentences as follows: "In the case of any officer or employee in the service of the National Library for the Blind on the effective date of this amendment, notice of desire to come within the purview of the Act must be given to the disbursing officer by whom his salary is paid within six months from the date of enactment of this Act. In the case of any officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind who enters the service of such Institution after the date of enactment of this amendment, such notice of desire to come within the purview of this Act must be given within six months after the date of entrance into such service."

SEC. 3. The first paragraph of section 5 of such Act is amended by inserting after "or the legislative branch of the Government" a comma and "and periods of service as an officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind".

46 Stat. 472.
5 U. S. C. § 707.
Post, p. 50.

SEC. 4. Any service rendered prior to the effective date of this Act as an officer or employee of the National Library for the Blind shall be considered creditable service for the purposes of section 9 of such Act.

Credit for prior serv-
ice.
46 Stat. 475.
5 U. S. C. § 736b.
Post, p. 53.

Approved January 26, 1948.

[CHAPTER 35]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act prescribing regulations for the Soldiers' Home located at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 564).

January 27, 1948
[S. 929]

[Public Law 401]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (22 Stat. 564), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The Inspector General of the Army shall designate officers of the Inspector General's Department under his jurisdiction to inspect

U. S. Soldiers'
Home, D. C.
24 U. S. C. § 60.

Inspection.